

Senator Robinson to LB 1304. And a communication from the Governor. (Read communication re: LB 296.) That's all that I have, Madam President. (See pages 1329-34 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We go to LB 1050.

CLERK: Madam President, 1050 has been discussed on Select File. A series of amendments have been adopted. I have other amendments pending. I have a priority motion, however. Senator Bernard-Stevens would move to reconsider the adoption of the Schimek amendment, specifically AM3631 to the bill that was adopted on I believe March 7th. (See pages 1098-99 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Bernard-Stevens to open on your reconsideration.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam Chairperson, members of the body. Senator Wehrbein just explained to me that we really don't need to do this 'cause the World-Herald's editorial says it's already withdrawn which either shows that they're not accurate in what they print or they're ahead of their time. You know, I'm not sure. We'll let...we will make our conclusions and I'm sure they will make their conclusions. But, nonetheless, Senator Schimek offered in good faith, and Senator Beutler as well, an amendment dealing with special education and it did...the concept made absolute sense. It was...it's clear that we have a lot of high costs and it's clear that we need to do something similar to what we did with transportation. That amendment was agreed to, but we all knew that we were going to have to look at it a lot closer when we got a lot of details back in and all of us that are working on 1050 and even those that are working opposing 1050 want to make the decisions on all of these things that is going to be in the long run the best policy. The amendment that was offered was offered in very good faith and it did actually accomplish that which was purported to do. However, when we got into more of the details of it, it became clear that there needed to be some subtle changes made. And, of course, then the action is the decision needs to be is it the proper time on Select File to get into a whole scale change of how we're doing on special ed which would have to be that debate that would take place, or is it really something that we all say, well, we don't like it but we'll have to live